

254AD

SR. STEPHEN I, POPE

Valerian's first priority was to restore the situation in Syria, where many leading cities, including Antioch, had been sacked during the Persian invasion of SHAPUR I. The emperor arrived in Antioch in 254, and spent his remaining years in the east. One of his first acts was to suppress the rebellion of URANIUS ANTONINUS, priest-king of EMESSA, who had defeated the Persian force attacking his city and

declared himself emperor on the strength  
of this success

The Goths crossed the Danube and penetrated all the way to THESSALONICA. They had to turn back, but the open Country suffered considerably.

It was primarily western Goths that had campaigned in 253, 254.

Valerian left Rome to counter the Persian menace. He handed to Gallienus responsibility for the western provinces. The two never met again.

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the Germanic ~~Marcman~~  
MARCOMANNI crossed the  
Danube frontier and raided  
southward into northern Italy

254-256

Gallienus concentrated on the Danube. Then when that was secure he moved west to the Rhine

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He succeeded LUCIUS I,